Rural tourism in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu

2938. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted to assess the potential of rural tourism in the States of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the follow-up action being taken thereon indicating district-wise location of such tourism spots; and

(c) the amount allocated to the States of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu to promote tourism for 2005-06 and the steps being taken for its full utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Based on proposals received from State Governments of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu to promote tourism and infrastructure development, funds allocated during 2005-06 are as follows:

Gujarat: Rs. 825.00 lakhs in 2005-06.

Tamil Nadu : Rs. 1394.50 lakhs in 2005-06.

Execution and utilization of funds are the responsibility of respective State Governments.

Flow of tourists in Madhya Pradesh

†2939. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a declining trend of flow of tourists in Madhya Pradesh has been recorded during the last three years;

(b) the details of annual flow of domestic as well as foreign tourists in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.